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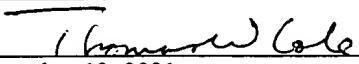
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In re Patent Application of:

Takao OGAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/385,574

Filed: 08/30/1999

For: LIGHT SHIELDING BLADE

MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL

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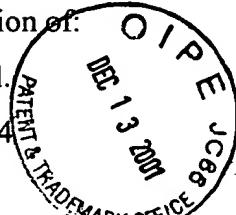
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Amended) A light shielding blade material for use in an optical apparatus, comprising:

a substrate composed of a plastic film having a pair of surfaces opposed to each other; *intermediate?* a shield coating being capable of blocking an incident light and being formed on each surface of the substrate, the shield coating being composed of a paint resin containing a carbon black;

a reinforcement member disposed on each shield coating, the reinforcement member being composed of a thermosetting resin prepreg sheet reinforced with fibers arranged in an alignment direction, and hardened to laminate with the substrate through the shield coating, the thermosetting resin prepreg sheet containing no carbon black; and



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